



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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December 26, 2006

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 8, 2006, the period for response having been extended to January 8, 2007, and in conjunction with the attached Request for Continued Examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.